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## FORESTATION UNDER WAY IN HERZEGOVINA; ANCHOVY CATCH SMALL

PLANT SEEDLINGS IN HERZEGOVINIAN KARST = Zagreb, Borba, 22 Jul 51

Mostar, 21 July -- Over one million seedlings have been planted on 770 hectares of barren land in Herzegovina in 1951. Warm, rainy weather this year has been favorable for forestation. Over 54,000 hectares of barren land have been forested in Herzegovina during the postwar period. Results thus far confirm that the Herzegovinian Karst can be successfully transformed into a forest area.

Preparations have begun for autumn forestation, with over 5 million fir, ash, maple, cypress, poplar, and other seedlings to be planted in Herzegovina. The planting of fig, walnut, and apricot seedlings was also begun in 1951.

Even though much planting is in progress, it will be many years before the Herzegovinian Karst, which constitutes 80 percent of Mostar Oblast, becomes verdant.

This work has been slowed by negligence. For instance, Mostar, Capljina, and Nevesinje srezes have organized forestation poorly. Consequently, work has not yet started on creating a forested area around Mostar. It has not yet been decided which areas of Herzegovina will be forested, and which will be used for agriculture.

FOREST SEEDLINGS DESTROYED IN THE VOJVODINA -- Zagreb, Borba, 22 Jul 51

Novi Sad, 21 July -- Acacia, Camadian poplar, and other seedlings planted in the Vojvodina are being destroyed.

About 27 percent of the acacia seedlings in the Novi Sad area and several tens of thousands of Canadian poplar and acacia seedlings in the Sombor area have been destroyed. Along the Novi Sad-Sremski Karlovci-Beska railroad line, not a single seedling is left.

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A similar situation prevails in many other places. Seedlings are being destroyed mostly by goats, sheep, and other livestock, and in some places by the carelessness of both children and adults. Many seedlings also die because they do not receive proper care.

After the liberation, over 25 million dinars were invested in forestation in the Vojvodina, and the same amount was spent for the purchase of ? seedlings.

FORESTATION EXCEEDS PLAN IN CROATIA -- Zagreb, Vjesnik, 29 May 51

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Spring forestation has been completed in Croatia. The plan to plant seedlings on 5,085 hectares has been exceeded considerably.

ANCHOVY CATCH IS SMALL -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 12 Jul 51

In the first 3 months of 1951, Dalmatian fishermen caught only 1,539 tons of anchovies and migratory fish, scarcely 28 percent of the catch in the same period in 1950. The Oceanographic Institute in Split has not been able to discover the spawning places of these fish.

The poor catch has affected 10,000 fishermen; it has lowered their purchasing power so that enterprises cannot sell fishing equipment. These enterprises have tens of millions of dinars' worth of fishing equipment on hand, and also a large number of barrels which they have not been able to utilize.

YUGOSLAV EXPERTS TO ORGANIZE FISHING IN ISRAEL -- Zagreb, Borba, 10 Jul 51

Split, 9 July -- According to an agreement with the government of Israel, Yugoslav experts are to organize the catching of bluefish in Israeli waters. Stareli authorities have requested that the organization be patterned after the Yugoslav model, and will make it possible for the experts to visit Israeli coasts. They will then present their recommendations and suggestions on the basis of these visits.

The Yugoslavs have been in Israel since 9 July.

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